[Muthukaruppa Pillai.]

also the number of units so purchased, the population as per the latest census and the percentage of population in receipt of such ration in those two taluks?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Food Supplies*): (*a*) A * statement furnishing the required information is laid on the table.

(*b*) 6,22,826.

(*c*) The taluk in which the largest number of units of ration has been purchased is Trivandrum (including the City).

The total number of units purchased in Trivandrum taluk—75,06,601.
Population according to 1941 census in Trivandrum taluk—2,87,898.
Percentage of population in receipt of ration in Trivandrum taluk—78·5.

The taluk in which the smallest number of units of ration has been purchased is Thovala.

Total number of units purchased in Thovala taluk—25,686.
Population according to 1941 census in Thovala—43,324.
Percentage of population in receipt of ration Thovala taluk—1·4.

Rationing officers.

80. * MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to appoint separate rationing officers for the taluks of Parur and Kunnatnad and if so, when and if not, why not?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No separate Rationing Officer has been appointed in any taluk in the State. Assistant Purchasing and Rationing Officers have been appointed to assist the Taluk Purchasing and Rationing Officers and such an Officer is functioning in the Kunnatnad taluk. The post is now vacant at Parur.

Green gram.

81. * MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the price per candy at which they are selling green gram to ration shops: and

(*b*) the price at which it is sold in the open market?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) No green gram is sold to ration merchants now.

(*b*) The price is reported to vary from Rs. 110 to Rs. 120 per candy.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know what the price of green gram was two months back?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: I have no information.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the member be pleased to collect the information.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

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